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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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January 7, 2015

Brent Andrews  
Tar Sands Holdings II LLC  
60 East South Temple, Suite 1800  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Subject: Extension to Division Directive, Tar Sands Holdings II LLC, Asphalt Ridge 2 Mine, M/047/0032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Andrews:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) approves the request received by electronic mail on December 31, 2014, to extend the deadline for submittal of increased reclamation surety for the Asphalt Ridge 2 mine. As requested, the deadline is now January 9, 2015.

No other aspects of the directive are changed. These additional requirements are:

1. Additional surety in the amount of \$188,000 will be posted by February 28, 2015, for the Asphalt Ridge 2 mine (M/047/0032).
2. TSHII will submit an application to transfer the Uintah County Asphalt Mine, M/047/0022, and post a surety in the amount of \$115,000 for this mine no later than January 12, 2015. It is anticipated that, by this same date, the Division will file a Notice of Agency Action with the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining requesting release of Uintah County's liability for the Uintah County Asphalt Mine. Alternatively, the Division will assist Uintah County in preparing a Request for Agency Action requesting this liability release.
3. The Division and TSHII will continue to review the reclamation cost estimate for the Uintah County Asphalt Mine, and TSHII will post any required additional surety for that mine by February 28, 2015.

Please contact me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about this directive. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Baker  
Minerals Program Manager

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cc: Jon Stearmer, Uintah County (jonathan@uintahcountyattorney.org)

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